

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL AND)
DEPARTMENTAL PRESIDING JUDGES)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2005-032

Whereas, in the Summer of 2005, the Trial Courts of Arizona in Maricopa County will have regional courthouses in Northwest, Northeast and Southeast, each with a Regional Presiding Judge, and

Whereas, the relationship between the Superior Court Departmental Presiding Judges and the Regional Presiding Judges should be clarified to help ensure optimum continuity and consistency in the administration of court and department policies and case management,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Departmental Presiding Judges in civil, criminal, family court, probate/mental health, tax, and juvenile have administrative oversight over all cases and judges assigned to their departments, regardless of location, on issues pertaining to their department. To the extent reasonably practicable, Departmental Presiding Judges shall collaborate with Regional Presiding Judges to develop similar case management plans in all locations of the Superior Court and shall direct the implementation of such plans through the Regional Presiding Judges. Departmental Presiding Judges and Departmental Court Administrators, in coordination with Regional Presiding Judges and Regional Court Administrators, shall utilize initial training, continuing education, and departmental meetings to disseminate information on department case management policies and practices to ensure continuity of case management within each department. Case management plans shall also provide a process through which periodic reviews and assessments can be performed to determine that case management practices at all regional locations are consistent and in conformance with department plans and policies.
2. Regional Presiding Judges shall have administrative oversight over administrative issues that are interstitial to the issues concerning the Departmental Presiding Judges, such as administrative issues related to space and space planning at a regional courthouse, working with the court administrator at regional courthouses, presiding at regional courthouse meetings of judges and commissioners, and other administrative issues delegated by the Presiding Judge, including coordination with any limited jurisdiction court judicial officers and staff housed within a regional facility.

3. Emergency evacuation of court buildings is reserved to the Presiding Judge and Associate Presiding Judge. In the absence of the Presiding Judge and the Associate Presiding Judge, Regional Presiding Judges are delegated decision making authority over evacuation of a regional courthouse and the Presiding Juvenile Judge is delegated decision making authority over evacuation of the regional juvenile courthouses and detention centers. The Court security officer and the trial court administrator shall set up training on emergency evacuation decisions and procedures for the judicial executive committee on a periodic basis.

Dated this ____ day of February, 2005.

Colin F. Campbell
Presiding Judge

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